FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

The Cotton Spot and Future Markets Are Again Lower on Heavy Port Receipts—The New York Stock Market—Other Quotations.

New York, December 27.—The stock market experienced an irregular recovery today, with granger stocks in the van. General Electric, Louisville and New Orleans were the subjects for sharp attack. There was a sharp drop in sterling.

New England was sold down by bears in McLeod. Members of the pool which placed McLeod in control were induced by him that the pool had been wrecked and since have marketed their stock. The appointment of a receiver for the property was expected at the opening and was one of the causes for the decline. Selling for prominent local holders were heavy sellers of Louisville. London was said to have bought. Reports were freely circulated that the company would declare no dividend for the half year ending December 31, and traders joined in the bear movement because of their belief in these reports. Heavy selling orders for Boston & Maine were executed in General Electric. The decline in the early morning was said to have forced the pool to liquidate and this liquidation was thought to have caused the low prices in the last hour. Stock certificates were sold down early by room traders on the belief that the pool stock being carried by one of the insiders could be shaken out. The officers of the company telegraphed positive assertions that their business was on a good footing, and after a number of short dispatches were received the stocks which were heavy sellers a few days ago began buying.

Sugar advanced on the announcement of the selection of the board of directors and on a statement that the interests which have refrained from joining in the combination were brought in today. The action was due to efforts to realize. Traders were heavy buyers of St. Paul, Burlington and Western Union and it is believed they covered most of their shorts in these stocks.

The money is rather less active even than at any time this week. The supply of offerings does not diminish in the superabundance.

Sterling—Steady: December 17.66@17.76.

Mercantile paper quiet, and the names of some into the market are even fewer than of late. The demand continues extremely dull and the absorption of the meager material is rapid.

Sugar—Raws dull; no positive business reported. Centrifugal 96-test, at 2⅝@3c; muscovado 89-test, at 2⅜@2⅝c; molasses sugar 89-test, at 2⅛c; cut loaf and crushed at 5⅝@5-16c; powdered, 4 7-16@4 9-16c; granulated, 4 3-16@4 9-16c; refined easy, but not active.

Cottonseed oil is without important change. We quote prime crude barrels, 26@28c; prime crude loose, 26@28c; off grade barrels, 25@28c; butter oil, 36@37c; prime yellow, prime, 34@37c; summer yellow off grade, 32@33c, according to quality; American raw, 47c; American boiled, 48c.

MCLEAN'S NEW ORLEANS CIRCULAR.

New Orleans, La., December 27.—Atwood Violett & Co. say:

Liverpool's opening was rather better than expected, but under the heavy movement sased off, prices closing some 6-64@7-64 lower than yesterday. The spot market shows sales of 10,000 at 1-16 decline.

Net receipts today are 69,548 bales, against 78,244 last year. So long as this disparity continues the claim that the movement is at the expense of the interior towns, while it may be so, will have but little effect on prices.

In this connection the semi-weekly statement of thirteen principal towns, as published today, while showing receipts of 104,000 bales thus far this week, against 108,000 last year, show a gain in stocks of over 200,000 bales, and in so far as we can learn this condition applies largely to the interior towns, which show lesser or no gain on the stocks of the previous year.

Some interior points where the yield is far in excess of last year show decreased stocks, notably Jackson, Canton, Grenada and West Point, Miss. If this fact applies to the towns generally throughout the cotton belt and the planters' claim that they have less cotton on hand than last year be true, from whence is the excess to come to make a yield approximating the higher current estimates? The near future will soon determine as to the correctness of the various estimates given of the shortage, if it is to occur, must now discover itself.

Receipts thus far this week are 185,570, against 213,193 last week and 119,983 last year. Both this market and New York closed steady, at about 4 points decline from yesterday's prices.

Our spot market closes steady, at 1-16 decline, with sales of 2350 bales and sales to arrive of 2200 bales.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

New York, December 27.—Speculation on the stock exchange today was feverish and unsettled. The receivership of the New York and New England caused a rush to sell shares on the part of those who believed that President McLeod would hold control of the property, and their sales were supplemented by heavy offerings on the part of the bears. The decline of the day was 2 per cent. General Electric was strong in early dealings, but during the afternoon was exceedingly weak, due to reports that pools were being formed for reorganization and that the business was not on a satisfactory basis.

The Louisville and Nashville was unfavorably affected by the rumors that neither scrip nor a cash dividend would be set for the six months ending with December. The general market was firm at the opening, but during the afternoon a decline of 5@6½c was recorded. This was followed by a slight rally and quick reaction, but in the late dealings a better tone prevailed and prices moved up 1@2 pts. The market closed generally firm. The railway and miscellaneous bond market was generally firm during the early part of the day, but during the afternoon was heavy except for Kansas and Texas fives.

MELROY & CO.'S CIRCULAR.

New Orleans, La., December 27.—McElroy & Co. say:

Futures—Liverpool more than fulfilled the expectations of the bears today and closed easy at a decline of 6-64 to 7-64 on futures and 1-32d on spots, with sales of 10,000 bales. Notwithstanding this, however, our market showed remarkable strength, the greatest loss being but 5 points from which there was a recovery of a point or two before the closing.

Spots were steady at a loss of 1-16c, with total sales of 4750 bales. Our liberal estimate of yesterday for today's receipts was not exceeded by the official figures, the total reaching 69,548, against 78,244 last year.

For New Orleans tomorrow the estimate is 10,000 to 14,000, against 13,000 last year. Much deal has been said lately about the interior towns in Mississippi in the great crop districts holding heavy stocks, but investigation shows that in a dozen instances the stocks held are materially smaller than they were a year ago. The reason for this is very plain to our mind. Last year everybody believed that the disastrous outcome of the crop could not fail to bring much higher prices and everybody who could was therefore holding for the expected rise. This year there has not been the same incentive in the way of crop shortage and the financial stringency has made it impossible for many to hold who might have been so inclined.

The result is beyond question that the holdings must necessarily be smaller than at this time last year and that therefore the amount to come into sight hereafter must fall below the figures of a year ago.

In this connection it is well to call attention to the fact that the receipts last year for January and February were the smallest since 1888, notwithstanding the fact that the total amount which came into sight after the 1st of January (if we bar the two monster yields) was only exceeded by the same period in 1889. It is very plain therefore that the months after February must have brought into sight an exceptionally large amount of cotton, and this fact is clearly demonstrated by the following comparison of the movement from March 1 to the end of the season in the following years: 1892-93, 826,000; 1891-92, 1,078,000; 1890-91, 1,192,000; 1889-90, 906,000; 1888-89, 662,000; 1887-88, 714,000; 1886-87, 612,000; 1885-86, 750,000; 1884-85, 390,000; 1883-84, 532,000.

From the above it will be seen that the movement after March 1 last year greatly exceeded the amount brought into sight during the other years leaving out, of course, the large crops of 1890 and 1891. The believers in a crop of 7,250,000 or thereabouts are therefore not likely to be much disconcerted or deceived on a gain on January and February of even as much as 200,000 bales, as it is almost certain that based upon many precedents, the movement after March 1 can not fail to lose an amount sufficient to more than offset the gain during January and February. We commend the figures given above to the careful consideration of our friends.

THE POST'S COMMERCIAL ARTICLE.

New York, December 27.—The Post says: Today's stock market fairly reflected the mental confusion into which Wall street this week has fallen. The selection of New England receivers is not at all surprising. The Atchison and New England makers have seriously shaken confidence in official statements and promises, but these stocks by no means governed the movement of the general market. At the start operations for a fall received some check from quite an unexpected advance in London prices, followed by foreign Arbitrage purchases. This started heavy local short interest into covering, and many stocks secured material advances. Among these the active granger stocks were conspicuous, but Chicago Gas, Western Union and others were moved similarly. The strength of the general market grew even more pronounced in the last hour, when there was a particularly rapid rally in distilling stock. The appearance, indeed, was that of an effort to buy in the shorts under the attacks on Louisville and General Electric. Perhaps the fact that one more disaster rumored yesterday had been averted played its part in the day's later transactions.

BONDS DEPRESSED.

London, December 27.—In this city, Paris and Berlin, Italian bonds have been depressed by the rumors that several Italian banks were unable to carry their holdings. It is reported, however, that Italy is negotiating a loan of 600,000,000 lire in Germany. In this city this is not believed.

COTTON.

Office of The Post,
Houston, Texas, December 27.

The spot markets were generally lower today.

Houston closed quiet at 1-16 decline and Galveston closed quiet at ⅛c decline.

New York closed dull at 1-16c decline.

New Orleans closed steady at 1-16c decline.

Liverpool closed 1-16d lower.

Stock in New York, 229,031 bales; New Orleans, 369,190 bales.

Liverpool futures opened barely steady 5 points lower, ruled steady at the same figures and closed easy 6 to 7 points lower than on last Friday.

New Orleans futures opened steady 4 to 6 points lower, ruled steady 1 to 3 points higher and closed steady 3 to 5 points lower than yesterday.

New York futures opened steady 4 to 12 points lower, ruled steady 1 to 4 points higher and closed steady 4 to 5 points lower than yesterday.

HOUSTON DAILY STATEMENT.

Gross receipts	17,766
Gross shipments	10,834
Stock	85,604

HOUSTON SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'day
Low ordinary	5⅝	5 11-16
Ordinary	6⅛	6 1-16
Good ordinary	6½	6 9-16
Low middling	6 13-16	6 15-16
Middling	7⅛	7⅛
Good middling	7⅜	7⅜
Middling fair	7⅝	7 11-16
Sales		42

GALVESTON SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'day
Low ordinary	5⅞	5⅞
Ordinary	6⅛	6⅛
Good ordinary	6½	6½
Low middling	6 13-16	6 15-16
Middling	7⅛	7⅛
Good middling	7⅜	7⅜
Middling fair	7⅝	7⅝
Sales	247	1,545

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'day
Low ordinary	5⅛	5 9-16
Ordinary	6	5 15-16
Good ordinary	6⅛	6 1-16
Low middling	6⅝	6 9-16
Middling	7⅛	7 1-16
Good middling	7 7-16	7 9-16
Middling fair	7 13-16	8
Sales	4,750	4,700

NEW YORK SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'day
Ordinary	5 7-16	5⅝
Good ordinary	6 11-16	6⅝
Low middling	7⅛	7 7-16
Middling	7 15-16	7⅞
Good middling	8⅛	8 3-16
Middling fair	8 11-16	8⅝
Sales		1,040

LIVERPOOL SPOTS.

	Today.	Friday
Ordinary	3 13-16	3¾
Good ordinary	4	4 1-16
Low middling	4⅛	4 3-16
Middling uplands	4⅜	4 5-16
Middling fair	4⅝	4 7-16
Good middling uplands		4 9-16
Sales	10,000	12,000
American	8,000	11,200
Speculation and export	1,000	1,000
Imports	17,000	17,200
American	70,000	1,200

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

	Today.	Friday.
December	4 06	4 13
December January	4 05	4 12
January February	4 04-07	4 11-14
February March	4 06	4 13
March April	4 10	4 16-17
April May	4 12-13	4 20
May June	4 13-14	4 22
June July	4 14-15	4 21-22
July August	4 17	4 24
August September	4 18	4 24

Note—† buyer, † seller; * value, † asked.

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.

	Today.	Yesterday
December	7 06@7 07	7 06@
January	7 06@7 07	7 13@7 16
February	7 20@7 21	7 24@7 26
March	7 30@7 31	7 34@7 39
April	7 40@7 43	7 45@7 44
May	7 49@7 50	7 52@7 53
June	7 57@7 59	7 59@7 61
July	7 65@7 66	7 68@7 69

Sales ..... 92,700 — 60,300

Note—* bid, a asked, n nominal.

NEW YORK FUTURES.

	Today.	Yesterday
December	7 44@7 46	7 48@7 49
January	7 42@7 46	7 48@7 49
February	7 54@7 55	7 58
March	7 60@7 64	7 69
April	7 71@7 73	7 78@7 77
May	7 80	7 88@7 85
June	7 87@7 89	7 92@7 93
July	7 92@7 94	7 99@8 00
August	7 99@8 01	8 03@8 02
Sales	297,100	220,600

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Receipts thus far this week	196,881
Receipts same time last week	205,042
Receipts same time last year	121,188
Receipts this day	17,766
Receipts this day last year	20,284
11 days this season	4,061,139
18 days last season	3,473,018
Stock of cotton this season	618,141
Exports to Great Britain	102,070
Exports to France	16,254
Exports to Continent	17,664
Exports to Channel	.....
Stock this day	1,235,193
Stock this day last week	1,211,052
Stock this day last year	1,140,848
Exports of stock this season	89,158

RECEIPTS AT ALL UNITED STATES PORTS.

STATIONS.	This day.	Last year.
Galveston	9,065	6,225
New Orleans	32,800	11,132
Mobile	1,504	2,183
Savannah	10,115	4,059
Charleston	3,365	843
Wilmington	140	49
Norfolk	5,077	799
Baltimore	.....	.....
New York	4,700	500
Boston	1,322	1,031
Philadelphia	170	812
West Point	3,073	2,018
Western	.....	.....
Various	.....	.....
Total	69,548	26,853

COMPARATIVE SPOT MARKET.

Port.	Tone.	Mid. Today.	Mid. Sat'day	Sales Today.
Liverpool	Easier	4¾	.....	10,000
Galveston	Steady	7⅛	7¼	247
New Orleans	Steady	7⅛	7 9-16	4,750
Mobile	Easy	7 1-16	7 3-16	500
Savannah	Easy	7	7 1-16	325
Charleston	Quiet	7¼	7¼	.....
Wilmington	Nth'g doing	7⅛	7⅛	.....
Norfolk	Quiet	7⅛	7¼	1,104
Baltimore	Nominal	7⅞	7⅞	.....
New York	Dull	7 15-16	7⅞	.....
Boston	Quiet	7¼	7 15-16	.....
Philadelphia	Quiet	8¼	7 15-16	.....
Augusta	Irregular	7⅛	8¼	78
Memphis	Quiet	7⅛	7 15-16	750
St. Louis	Steady	7 9-16	7⅝	100

GALVESTON RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS.

Receipts.	This day.	This week.	This season.	Last season
Net	9,065	29,123	789,249	804,113
Exports—				
Other ports	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gross	9,065	29,123	789,249	804,113
Exports—				
To Gt. Britain	.....	16,835	384,188	338,284
To France	7,128	7,123	59,881	85,190
To Continent	.....	.....	67,411	93,911
To Channel	.....	.....	6,409	.....
Total foreign	7,128	23,958	517,889	517,408
To New York	.....	3,818	104,002	150,059
To Mexico City	.....	.....	520	1,051
Other Mex. ports	.....	.....	.....	628
North'n ports	.....	.....	103	78
Total coastwise	3,878	108,205	152,407	750
Local cons'm'n	.....	48	1,466	1,207
Total Exports	7,128	27,889	671,762	667,172

GALVESTON COTTON MOVEMENT.

Galveston, Texas, December 27.

Receipts this day: By Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe 2683; International and Great Northern 2997; Missouri, Kansas and Texas 1070. Total 9065.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., December 27.—Cotton 1-16c lower; market steady; middling 7 5-16; sales 1000; balance receipts 7500; shipments 6100; stock 56,409 bales.

GALVESTON WOOL MARKET.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 27.

	This Day.	Yesterday
Spring—		
12 months clip—fine	11@12	11@12
Medium	12@13	12@13
Fall—		
6 to 8 months—fine	9@10½	9@10½
Medium	10@12	10@12
Mexican, improved	8½@10	8½@10
Mexican, carpet	7½@8½	7½@8½

Sandy and burry 5@8c below quotations.

Market dull.

GALVESTON WOOL MOVEMENT.

Galveston, Texas, December 27.

Receipts this day 63,452; this week 79,002; this season 2,573,390; same time last season 2,610,641; shipments this day —; this week —; this season 2,549,617; same time last season 2,603,042; sales this day —; this week —; this season 701,200; same time last season 14,061; stock this day 2,545,706; same time last season 165,456.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, December 27.—Money on call easy at 1 per cent; closed at 1 per cent; prime mercantile paper 3@5½%; sterling exchange dull, weak 4.80@4.86½ for demand; 4.83½@4.84 for 60 days.

NEW YORK SILVER.

New York, December 27.—Bar silver 68¾.

Mexican dollars 50.

NEW YORK BONDS.

New York, December 27.—Government bonds quiet.

State bonds dull.

HOUSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

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Stocks.	Bid.	Asked
Commercial National	130	140
First National	100	110
Houston National	109	114
Planters and Mechanics' National	.....	95
South Texas National	103	108
Houston Land and Trust Co.	85	90
Houston City Railway Co.	.....	12
Union Compress and Warehouse Co.	60	65
Texas Savings and B. E. Inv. Ass'n	95¼	98¾
Bonds—		
Houston City 6's, 1910	*102	*103¼
Houston City 6's, 1922	.....	*101
Houston City R'y 7's, 1909	.....	*100
Houston City R'y 6's, 1905	.....	*90
Galveston City 5's, 1901	.....	*99¾
Galveston City 5's, 1920	.....	*95
Galveston City 5's, 1931	.....	*100
Texas 5's, 1905	*104	.....
Texas 6's, 1906	*104	.....

† Name offered; * and interest.

BONDS.

U. S. 4's, reg.	112½	M. K. & T. gen 6's	44½
U. S. 4's, coupon	114	St. L. & I. M. 5's	72
U. S. 4½'s, coupon	.....	St. L. & S. F. g. m. 6's	85¼
Central Pac. 1's	97	T. P. West Div. 6's	106
D. & R. G. 4's	110	T. P. Rio Grande's	100¾
Mo. P. con. 6's	100	Union Pacific 1's	.....

STOCKS.

Amer. Cotton Oil	27	Northwestern	98¾
A. T. & S. Fe	13¾	New York Central	98
Central Pacific	13¾	Pacific Mail	24
Chicago & Alton	135	Reading	17
C. B. & Q.	74¾	Rock Island	63¾
D. T. & I. W.	.....	St. L. & S. F.	.....
Del. & Lack.	162¾	St. L. & S. F. pref.	.....
Den. & Rio Grande	.....	St. Paul, common	58
D. & Rio G., pref.	80	St. Paul, preferred	116¾
Erie, common	14¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron	14¼
K. C. W. & B.	.....	Texas & Pacific	7
H. & T. C.	.....	Union Pacific	18¾
Illinois Central	89	Wab. St. L. & P. com	6¾
Kansas & Texas	27¾	Wab. St. L. & P., pref	14
Lake Shore	122¾	Wells-Fargo Ex.	142
L. & N.	43¾	W. U. Telegraph	87
Missouri Pacific	21¾	Distillers' Cattle Feeders Co.	21¾
Northern Pacific	4¾		

*Preferred.

STOCKS

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	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Closing Yes-ter'y
Am. Cot. Oil	27¾	27¾	27	27¼	27
Atchison	13¾	13¾	13¼	13¼	13⅝
C. R. & Q.	73¾	73¾	72¾	74¾	73¾
Chicago Gas	60¾	63¾	60¾	61¾	60¾
D. L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie	14¼	.....	.....	14¼	14¼
Gen. Electric	30¾	37¾	31¼	33	36¾
Lead	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. & N.	46	46	42¾	42¾	46¾
M. P.	21¾	.....	.....	21¾	21¾
N. P.	14¼	14¼	12	13¼	13¼
N. P. preferred	19	.....	.....	19	19
N. W.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reading	17¼	17¾	17	17¾	17¾
Rock Island	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾
St. Paul	57	58¾	56¾	58	57
L. & T.	14	14¼	14	14¼	14¼
Union Pacific	18	18¾	18	18¾	18
Wabash	20	22¾	19¾	21¾	20¼
Western Union	81¾	82¾	81¾	82¾	81¾

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Sterling, commercial, 60 days	94¾
Sterling, bankers, 60 days	4.83¾@4.84¾
Sterling, bankers, sight	4.85
Sterling, commercial, sight	4.83¾@4.84¾
Francs, 60 days, commercial	5.24¼
Francs, sight, commercial	5.21¼

SILVER CERTIFICATES—NEW YORK.

Today	67¾ bid

RATES OF SILVER—LONDON.

Today	32¾

LIVESTOCK.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., December 27.—Cattle—Receipts 4300; shipments 3200; market steady. Texas steers 2.20@4; grass steers 2.75@3.50, Texas and Indian cows 1.75@2.25, butchers stock 2.90@4.15; stockers and feeders 2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts 4800; shipments 1100; market steady to 5c higher; bulk 5.00@5.20; heavy, packing and mixed 4.95@5.20; lights, Yorkers and pigs 4.50@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts 400; shipments 1700; market slow, weak.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., December 27.—Cattle—Receipts 1800; shipments 300; market firm. Native steers 3.10@5.50; cows and heifers 2.10@3.20, latter heavy fed Texas steers 3.10@3.75; grass do. 2.50@3.15; cows 1.80@2.50.

Hogs—Receipts 5300; shipments 400; market a shade off; top 5.30; bulk 5.05@5.30.

Sheep—Receipts 700; shipments none; market steady; mixed natives 2.50@3; muttons would bring 3.50 and above.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, December 27.—Cattle steady, dull; bulk were common and medium and sold below 4.55; many sales were steers at 3.00@3.75; rough and rather lean 2@3.25; cows 1.50@3.

Hogs—Market dull.

Sheep steady; range 1@2.90 for poor to medium; 3.75@5.50 for good to choice; lambs unevenly higher; choice 20@25c up; common to good advanced 10@15c; quotations: 2.75@4.75 for poor to choice.

Receipts—Cattle 13,000; hogs 20,000, and sheep 11,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, December 27.—Beeves—Receipts 1200; market slow, firm, a shade stronger; native steers good to prime 4.90@5.30; ordinary to fair 4@4.85; cornfed Texans 3.95; oxen 2.75@4.00; bulls and cows 1.40@3; grassers 1⅝@2¾.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 3200; market dull; poor to fair 2@3¼; lambs common to choice 3.75@5.

HOUSTON CATTLE MARKET.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 27.

Reported daily by J. M. Frost, live stock commission merchant.

Prices.	Cents.
Choice beeves	2¼@2½
Fair to common beeves	1¾@2
Choice cows	2 @2¼
Common to fair cows	1¼@1¾
Choice two-year-olds	2
Common to fair two-year-olds	1¾
Choice fat yearlings	2
Choice calves	2½@2¾
Common to fair, per head	1¾
Choice corn-fed hogs	4 @4½
Choice mast-fed hogs	3 @3½
Choice mutton	3¼

NEW ORLEANS.

Reported for The Houston Post daily, except Thursdays and Sundays, by Albert Montgomery, Live Stock Commission Merchant.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.

Prices.		
Good fat red beeves	3¼@	3¾
Good fat beeves	2¾@	3¼
Common to fair	2 @	2½
Common to fair cows	8.00 @	12.00
Good fat cows	2 @	2¾
Calves	3.00 @	9.00
Yearlings	7.00 @	12.00
Hogs—		
Good corn-fed	4¼@	5
Common to fair hogs	3¾@	4¼
Sheep—		
Good fat sheep	2.25 @	2.50
Common to fair, each	1.25 @	2.00
Receipts—Texas and Western Cattle—		
Beef cattle		64
Calves and yearlings		79
Hogs		46
Sheep		...
On Hand—		
Beef cattle		254
Calves and yearlings		21
Hogs		1,000
Sheep		720

Good boves, fat cows, good calves and yearlings in demand; poor stock dull and weak; hogs and sheep not wanted.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

GRAIN—CHICAGO.

Corrected daily by Atwood Violett & Co.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Clos'g Yes'dy.
Wheat-Dec	59¾	.....	.....	59¾	60¼
May	65¾	65¾	64¾	64¾	65¾
Corn-Dec.	34¾	.....	.....	34¾	34¾
May	38¾	38¾	38	38¼	38¼
Oats-Dec.	27	27¾	23	23¾	27¾
May	30	30¼	29¾	29¾	30¼
Pork-Jan.	12.47	.....	.....	12.40	12.37
May	12.60	.....	.....	12.55	12.52
Lard-Jan.	7.30	.....	.....	7.25	7.27
May	7.37	7.32	7.35	7.32	7.09
S. R. Jan.	6.47	.....	.....	6.47	6.40
May	6.47	6.52	6.47	6.52	6.35

CHICAGO.

Chicago, December 27.—Wheat dropped 1c today and made a new low price recently, being 64¾c on financial troubles East, rumors and Bradstreet's report of increase in valuable supply. Corn acted independently and lost but ¼c. Provisions were slightly higher all around.

The leading futures closed:

Wheat—December 59¾; May 64¾.

Corn—December 34¼; January 34¼; January 34¼; May 38¼.

Oats—December 28; January 28; May 29@29¼.

Mess Pork—January 12.40; May 12.55.

Lard—January 7.25; May 7.32½; short ribs—January 6.47½; May 6.52½.

Cash quotations:

No. 2 spring wheat 59¾; No. 2 red 59¾.

No. 2 corn 34¼.

No. 2 oats 28.

Mess pork 12.35@12.65.

Lard 8.27½.

Short Ribs-Sides (loose) 6.62½@6.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed) 6.12½@6.50; short clear sides (boxed) 6.75@7.00.

NEW YORK.

New York, December 27.—Wheat—Spot market dull, 1c lower; No. 2 red elevator 69@69¾; options dull, weak, 1@1¼c decline; January 69½; February 69½; March 67¾. May 70; December 65.

Corn—Spot market dull, weaker; No. 2 42½@42¾, elevator; options quiet, weaker, 1@½c decline; January 42¾; February 41¾; March 42¼; May 44¼; December 42¾.

Hides steady.

Rice dull.

Molasses dull.

Coffee—Options opened steady and unchanged to 15 points advance; ruled fairly active and closed steady at 4 points decline to 15 points advance; sales 11,750 bags; December 17.65@17.70; January 17.10; February 16.70; March 16.85; May 16.90; July 15.45; September 15.20. Spot coffee—Rio firm; No. 7 18¾@18½; Cordova 20@24.

Sugar—Raws steady; fair refining 2⅝; centrifugal 96 test 2⅞; refined steady.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., December 27.—Flour very dull, unchanged.

Wheat 1c under yesterday; cash 56⅝; December 56⅝; January 59¾; May 64⅝.

Corn—Cash 1c higher, 32@32½; options weak; January 31¾; May 34½.

Oats very dull; cash 27½; December 27 bid; May 30¼ bid.

Corn meal unchanged.

Whisky unchanged.

Bagging and cotton ties unchanged.

Provisions stronger and some higher at the following quotations:

Pork 12.25.

Lard 8.00.

Loose dry salt shoulders 6.00; longs and ribs 6.55; shorts 6.75; boxed lots 15 cents more.

Bacon—Shoulders 7.00; longs 7.37½; ribs 7.50; shorts 7.62½.

NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., December 27.—Sugar—Open kettle steady; fair to fully fair 2⅝@2 5-16; good common 2⅜@2 5-16; common 2@2¼; centrifugal firm; choice white 3 9-16; off white 3⅜@3½; gray do. 3@3¼; fair yellow clarified 3¼@3½; choice do. 3⅝@3 9-16; prime do. 3⅝@3 5-16; off do. 2⅞@3 3-16; seconds 2@2¼.

Molasses dull, lower; open kettle strictly prime 25; good prime 22@23; prime 20@21; fair to good fair 17@19; common to good common 15@16; fermenting 9@7 and lower; centrifugal good prime to strictly prime 10@11; fair to prime 8@9; common to good common 6@7; inferior 5; syrup 15@22.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., December 27.—Wheat ⅛c lower; No. 2 red 57c.

Corn lower, ½c; No. 2 mixed 29@29¼.

LOCAL PRICE CURRENT.

The following are the ruling prices for groceries, etc., in the market today:

AXLES—GREASE—Diamond, 1.50@1.75; Golden, 90@1c per dozen boxes; caster oil, 65@75c; Boston coach oil per case, pints, $4.50; per case, quarts, $6.50.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.00; blasting powder, $2.25 per keg, agents' price; shot, drop, per sack, $1.60@1.65; buck, $1.85@1.50.

BAGGING AND TIES—Bagging, 4½ pound, 5@6c; 2 pound, 6@6½c; 2¼ pound, 7@c; Delta ties, $1.35 per bundle; standard Arrow ties, $1.10@1.15 per bundle; 45 pound steel Arrow ties, $1.40 per bundle.

BEESWAX—22c for good yellow; 18c for mixed lots.

BACON—Wholesale grocers charge short clear, 8@8½c; breakfast, 10c.

CANDY—Plain candy, 6@7c; wrapped, 7@10c; fancy mixed, in pails, 8@12c; fancy in cases, 10@12c; rock, 12@16c.

CANNED FRUITS—Standard canned goods per dozen: Strawberries, $1.75@1.90; pineapples, standards, $1.80@1.35; seconds, $1.20@1.30; pears, standard, $1.50; peaches, standard, 2 pound, $1.25@1.30; seconds, 2 pound, $1.05@1.10; standard, 3 pound, $1.70@1.80; 3 pound seconds, $1.60@1.40; blackberries, $1.20@1.25; marrowfat peas, $1.30@1.40; Lima beans, $1.00@1.40; string beans, 90@1.00; corn, $1.00@1.10; tomatoes, 2 pound, 80@c; 3 pound, $1.20@1.25; oysters, 1 pound, f. w., 65@75c per dozen; 1 pound, f. w., seconds, 2 pound, f. w., $1.05@1.10; salmon, 1 pound cans, $1.25@1.45 per dozen; roast beef, $1.15@1.20; corned beef, ½ pound, $1.35@1.40; 1 pound, $2.25.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Wholesale grocers fill orders at the following quotations per dozen for 2½ pound cans: Peaches $2.20@2.30; egg plums, $1.80@2.10; whippoorwill peas, 85c per pound; claybank peas, 82½@c per pound.

CANDLES—Quoted as follows: Star, 1c; 16 oz paraffine, set, 11¼@11½c.

COFFEE—Peaberry, 22¾c; Cordova, 21¾c; fancy Rio, 20¼c; choice Rio, 21¼c; fair Rio, 20¼c; good Rio, 19¾c; common Rio, 18¾c; parching Rio, 18c.

FERTILIZERS—Bat guano, $25 per ton from warehouse.

FLOUR—Star of the West, $4.00; Kaiser, Ausgang, $4.00; Sea Fairy, second roller patent, $3.50; Sea Nymph, extra roller fancy, $3.30; Sea Jewel, extra roller choice, $3.10; Sea Pearl, roller family, $2.90; Pumpernickel, $3.40; Graham, $3.00; above for car lots; less than car lots 25c per barrel higher; special rates for interior shipments.

GRAIN AND HAY—Car lots. Dealers charge from store 5@10c more per cwt. pounds on bran, 2@5c per bushel on oats and corn. Bran, 90c per 100 pounds; oats, 37@38c per bushel; corn, 48@50c per bushel; chopped corn, 95c per 100 pounds; cotton seed meal, $23 per ton; timothy hay, $15.50@16.50 per ton; mixed hay, $14@15.50 per ton; seed hulls, $6 per ton.

HIDES—The range in values is as follows: Dry flint, selected, 6½c; dry flint as they run, 5@5½c.

HAMS—10½@10¾c.

LARD—Refined, tierces, 7¾@7¾c; leaf, 8@8½c.

MOLASSES—Centrifugal, Fair, 17@20c; prime, 22@26c; choice, 30@27½c; open kettle, fair, 21@32c; prime, 35c.

RAISINS—California, M., boxes, $1.75@2.00; California, L. L. boxes, $2.00@2.25; quart boxes, 65@75c as to brand and quality.

RICE—Head, 5c; choice, 4¾c; prime, 4¼c; fair, 4c; good, 3¾c.

SALT—Liverpool in full supply; demand fair; coarse, 80c; fine, $1.15 per sack in carload lots; Louisiana coarse, 80c; fine, 90c f. o. b., shipped direct from mines at New Iberia.

SUGAR—Standard granulated, 4¾c; confectioners' A, 4¾c; cubes, 5¼c; powdered, 5¼c; fancy yellow clarified, 4¼c; choice yellow clarified, 3¾c; plantation whites, 4¼c.

COTTON SEED—F. O. B., $10 per ton.

Produce.

EGGS—Per dozen, 23@24c.

BUTTER—Western, 23c; fresh Texas country, 10@12c; Kansas, 24c; fancy creamery, 30c.

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